

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application. Deleted matter is shown by strikethrough or double-brackets, and added matter is shown by underlining.

### **Listing Of Claims:**

- 1           1.       (currently amended) A hand-held device for transferring a film from a  
2 backing tape onto a substrate, said device comprising:  
3                   a housing in which a supply of the backing tape is arranged; ~~and~~  
4                   an application member projecting from said housing and having a front end  
5 with a free end and at least a first application edge and a second application edge, the  
6 backing tape being wound around said free end and said application edges of said  
7 application member and extending into said housing with tape sections at a lower  
8 longitudinal side of said application member facing the substrate during ~~the mode of~~  
9 operation and at an upper longitudinal side of said application member opposite said  
10 lower longitudinal side; and  
11                   a third application edge projecting from said lower longitudinal side of said  
12 application member between said first application edge and said second application  
13 edge;  
14                   wherein:  
15                   said second application edge projects from said lower longitudinal side of  
16 said application member.
- 1           2.       (currently amended) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:  
2                   said first and second application edges have mid-central planes enclosing an  
3 angle of approximately 30° to 120°.
- 1           3.       (original) A hand-held device according to claim 2,  
2                   wherein said mid-central planes of said first and second application edges  
3 enclose an angle of about 45° to 90°.
- 1           4.       (canceled)

1           5.       (currently amended) A hand-held device according to claim [[4]] 1, wherein:  
2                   the height of at least one of said second application edge and said third  
3 application edge is greater than the cross-sectional dimension of said first application  
4 edge.

1           6.       (currently amended) A hand-held device according to claim [[4]] 1, wherein:  
2                   said application member has a shaft; and  
3                   the height of at least one of said second application edge and said third  
4 application edge is greater than the cross-sectional dimension of said shaft of said  
5 application member.

1           7.       (currently amended) A hand-held device according to claim [[4]] 1, wherein:  
2                   the cross-sectional shape of at least one of said second application edge and  
3 said third application edge is convergent.

1           8.       (original) A hand-held device according to claim 7, wherein:  
2                   the cross-sectional shape of at least one of said second application edge and  
3 said third application edge is wedge-shaped.

1           9.       (currently amended) A hand-held device according to claim [[4]] 1, wherein:  
2                   said housing has a lower border and a bottom side; and  
3                   said second application edge extends beyond at least one of said adjacent  
4 lower border of said housing or said bottom side of said housing.

1           10.      (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:  
2                   said housing has a lower border and a bottom side; and  
3                   said second application edge extends beyond at least one of said  
4 adjacent lower border of said housing or said bottom side of said housing.

1           11.      (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said application  
2 member has a front end portion movable upwards against an elastic restoring force.

1           12.     (currently amended) A hand-held device according to claim 11, wherein:  
2                   said application member has a rear end portion fixedly held in said housing;  
3     and  
4                   said application member is elastically flexible in a vertical direction in at  
5     least a partial area of its length.

1           13.     (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said application  
2     member is rotatably mounted about a swivel axis extending in said housing upwards against  
3     an elastic restoring force.

1           14.     (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, further comprising at  
2     least one guiding web projecting backwards from a backside of said second application edge  
3     on at least one side, said guiding web having an inner side guiding the backing tape being  
4     wound around said second application edge.

1           15.     (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said second  
2     application edge is offset backwards in relation to said first application edge in a direction  
3     closer to said housing.

1           16.     (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said first  
2     application edge is the front end of a longitudinally extending shaft of said application  
3     member.

1           17.     (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said application  
2     member is formed with a necking.

1           18.     (original) A hand-held device according to claim 17, wherein:  
2                   said application member has a rear end closer to said housing than  
3     said front end; and  
4                   said necking is formed at said rear end of said application member.

1           19.     (New) A hand-held device for transferring a film from a backing tape onto a  
2 substrate, said device comprising:

3                     a housing in which a supply of the backing tape is arranged; and  
4                     an application member projecting from said housing and having a shaft and  
5 at least a free end, a first application edge, and a second application edge, the backing tape  
6 being wound around said free end and said application edges of said application member  
7 and extending into said housing with tape sections at a lower longitudinal side of said  
8 application member facing the substrate during operation and at an upper longitudinal side  
9 of said application member opposite said lower longitudinal side;

10                    wherein:

11                    said second application edge projects from said lower longitudinal side of  
12 said application member;

13                    said second application edge has a height greater than the cross-sectional  
14 dimension of said first application edge or said shaft of said application member; and

15                    said second application edge has a wedge-shaped cross-sectional shape.

1           20.     (New) A hand-held device for transferring a film from a backing tape onto a  
2 substrate, said device comprising:

3                     a housing in which a supply of the backing tape is arranged;

4                     an application member projecting from said housing and having a front end  
5 with a free end and at least a first application edge and a second application edge, the  
6 backing tape being wound around said free end and said application edges of said  
7 application member and extending into said housing with tape sections at a lower  
8 longitudinal side of said application member facing the substrate during operation and at an  
9 upper longitudinal side of said application member opposite said lower longitudinal side;

10                    wherein:

11                    said second application edge projects from said lower longitudinal side of  
12 said application member with a mid-central plane transverse to a mid-central plane of said  
13 first application edge; and

14                    said first and second application edges extend across approximately the  
15 entire width of said application member.

1           21.     (New) A hand-held device according to claim 20, wherein:  
2                   said first and second application edges have mid-central planes enclosing an  
3 angle of approximately 30° to 120°.

1           22.     (New) A hand-held device according to claim 20, wherein:  
2                   said housing has a lower border and a bottom side; and  
3                   said second application edge extends beyond at least one of said adjacent  
4 lower border of said housing or said bottom side of said housing.

1           23.     (New) A hand-held device according to claim 20, wherein said second  
2 application edge is offset backwards in relation to said first application edge in a direction  
3 closer to said housing.

1           24.     (New) A hand-held device for transferring a film from a backing tape onto a  
2 substrate, said device comprising:  
3                   a housing in which a supply of the backing tape is arranged;  
4                   an application member projecting from said housing and having a front end  
5 with a free end and at least a first application edge and a second application edge, the  
6 backing tape being wound around said free end and said application edges of said  
7 application member and extending into said housing with tape sections at a lower  
8 longitudinal side of said application member facing the substrate during operation and at an  
9 upper longitudinal side of said application member opposite said lower longitudinal side;  
10                  wherein:  
11                  said second application edge projects from said lower longitudinal side of  
12 said application member and is offset backwards in relation to said first application edge in  
13 a direction closer to said housing;  
14                  a guiding web projects backwards from a backside of said second application  
15 edge facing said housing on at least one side of said second application edge; and  
16                  said at least one guiding web has an inner side guiding the backing tape  
17 being wound around said second application edge.

1           25.     (New) A hand-held device according to claim 24, further comprising a  
2     guiding web projecting from said upper longitudinal side of said application member on at  
3     least one side of said first application edge.  
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1           26.     (New) A hand-held device according to claim 25, further comprising:  
2                   a guiding web at each side of said first and second application edges and  
3     having a distance therebetween substantially conforming to the width of the backing tape to  
4     form guiding surfaces for the backing tape.  
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